

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF TELEPHONE BILLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the outstanding amount of telephone bills for telephone connections provided by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi and Mumbai is rising constantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outstanding amount of telephone bills in the above mentioned cities till June 30, 2007;
- (c) whether any special scheme has been formulated by the Government to recover this outstanding amount; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. The total outstanding amount has been reduced by 5.7% over the 12 month period upto 30.06.2007. The outstanding amount for MTNL Delhi was Rs. 786 Crores and for MTNL Mumbai it was Rs. 443 Crores as on 30 June, 2007.
- (c) Yes, Sir. Vigorous and sustained efforts are being made by MTNL to recover the outstanding amount.
- (d) The details are given in the Annexure.